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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE TALMUDIC COMMENTARIES.
WE HAVE, HOWEVER, DISCOVERED THAT THEY DATE ONLY FROM 1963,
ARE THE WORK OF ONE UNEMPLOYED RABBI AND BELONG TO THE
FAMILY. THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN PUBLISHED AND ARE NOT POLITI-
CAL, SO WE ASSUME NO SOVIET LAW WOULD BE BROKEN. IN FACT,
TRANSMITTING THEM APPEARS TO BE LESS SENSITIVE THAN TRANS-
MITTING SAMIZDAT, I.E., MANUSCRIPTS, RESEARCH, ETC. NEW
WRINKLE, HOWEVER, IS THAT COMMENTARIES ARE IN LENINGRAD
AND RABBI POLLOCK WANTS TO TURN THEM OVER THERE. NEITHER
WE NOR THE AMBASSADOR HAVE ANY ILLUSIONS THAT THIS WILL BE
THE LAST TIME WE WILL BE FACED WITH HEAVY PRESSURE ON SUCH
A MATTER, BUT BOTH HE AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES
IN THIS INSTANCE ARE RATHER SPECIAL. OUR POSITION WITH THE
CONGRESSMAN HAS BEEN ONE OF NOT ENCOURAGING THE RABBI, BUT
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SAYING THAT WE WOULD TAKE THE COMMENTARIES AND TRANSMIT
THEM TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS IF HE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD.
WE WILL GET YOU A REGULAR CABLE ON THIS, PROBABLY TOMORROW,
WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE CONGEN LENINGRAD TO RECEIVE COMMEN-
TARIES AND TRANSMIT THEM TO DEPARTMENT VIA POUCH. VANCE

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